

REMARKS

All of the finally rejected claims are being cancelled, without prejudice, and new claims 19 – 21 substituted therefore. Independent claim 19 recites that a video display system receives updated data of a signal protocol for a universal remote control and transmits the update to the remote control when requested by it. If the remote control contains data of the protocol, then that data is updated by the received data update but, if not, a command is sent to the video display system to that effect. This procedure is described in the present application primarily with respect to Figure 2C. This specific protocol update method is not believed to be suggested by the cited references, United States patent nos. 5,410,326 ("Goldstein") and 6,097,441 ("Allport"), either alone or taken together.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1163 would be appreciated.

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